

Jeremiah Lee House
161 Washington Street
Marblehead
Essex County
Massachusetts

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Massachusetts	COUNTY Essex	TOWN OR VICINITY Marblehead
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Jeremiah Lee House		HABS NO. MA-859
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 161 Washington Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1768	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) One of the finest and most elaborate Georgian houses in the northern colonies. The grace and opulence of the house is physical documentation of the wealth and aspirations of New England merchant princes such as Jeremiah Lee.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Georgian		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame, sheathed with rusticated boards to imitate stone		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular; 7-bay front; 3 stories; hipped roof; slightly projecting 3-bay pavilion on front; octagonal cupola		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Wood quoins; 1st and 2nd floor windows have splayed wooden lintels with keystones; central pavilion is pedimented and lit by a lunnette; 1-story pedimented entrance porch supported by Ionic columns.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Original wallpaper, designed for the house, extant in several rooms; elaborately carved woodwork, particularly in stair hall and state drawing room.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES House was used as a bank from 1804-1909. Acquired and restored by the Marblehead Historical Society in 1909.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Historic house museum.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed as National Historic Landmark.		
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